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	AB	4,676,274	06/30/87	Brown	137	806	
	AC	4,849,340	7/18/89	Oberhardt	435	13	
	AD	5,204,525	4/20/93	Hillman	250	252.1	
	AE	5,225,163	07/06/93	Andrews	422	61	
	AF	5,248,479	09/28/93	Parsons et al.	422	58	
	AG	5,716,852	02/10/98	Yager et al.	436	172	
	AH	5,842,787	12/01/98	Kopf-Sill et al.	366	340	
	AI	5,856,174	01/05/99	Lipshutz et al.	435	286.5	
DKH	AJ	5,876,187	03/02/99	Forster et al.	417	322	

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DKH	AK	EP 381501 A	08/08/90	EPO		
	AL	EP 430248	06/05/91	EPO		
	AM	WO 93/17328	09/12/93	WIPO		
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DKM	BA	5,876,675	03/02/99	Kennedy	422	99	
	BB	5,922,591	07/13/99	Anderson et al.	435	287.2	
	BC	5,928,194	07/27/99	Maget	604	141	
	BD	5,932,799	08/03/99	Moles	73	153.01	
	BE	5,948,684	09/07/99	Weigl et al.	436	52	
	BF	5,972,710	10/26/99	Weigl et al.	436	34	
	BG	5,974,867	11/02/99	Forster et al.	73	61.41	
	BH	5,992,820	11/30/99	Fare et al.	251	129.01	
	BI	6,007,775	12/28/99	Yager	422	57	
DKM	BJ	6,043,080	03/28/00	Lipshutz et al.	435	287.2	

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	CB	6,130,098	10/10/00	Handique et al.	436	180	
	CC	6,134,950	10/24/00	Forster et al.	73	54.01	
	CD	6,136,272	10/24/00	Weigl et al.	422	82.05	
	CE	6,143,248	11/07/00	Kellogg et al.	422	72	
	CF	6,171,865	01/09/01	Weigl et al.	204	453	
	CG	6,277,641	08/21/01	Yager	436	52	
DKY	CH	6,296,020	10/02/01	McNeely et al.	137	806	
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